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1. FOLLOWING LETTER DATED DECEMBER 8, 1976 RECEIVED FROM J.M. VAN
BEUSEKOM TO AMBASSADOR BOSTER.

QUOTE: DEAR SIR:

I AM WRITING YOU IN MY CAPACITY AS ATTORNEY FOR MR. ROBERT L.
ARCHER, AN AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO HAS RESIDED IN GUATEMALA FOR MANY
YEARS.

WE HEREBY INVOKE THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (SEC. 552 OF TITLE 5,
U.S.C.) FOR THE INSPECTION AND COPYING OF THE FOLLOWING RECORDS OF
YOUR EMBASSY:

1. ALL FILES CONCERNING MR. ROBERT ARCHER THAT MAY EXIST IN THE
VARIOUS SECTIONS OF YOUR EMBASSY;
2. ALL CORRESPONDENCE THAT HAS PASSED BETWEEN YOUR EMBASSY AND
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING THE LEGAL DIFF-
ICULTIES AND POLICE HARASSMENT THAT MR. ARCHER HAS EXPERIENCED IN
GUATEMALA.
3. ALL CORRESPONDENCE THAT HAS PASSED BETWEEN YOUR EMBASSY
AND THE VARIOUS AGENCIES OF THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT
CONCERNING THE ABOVE MENTIONED PROBLEMS.

WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT AT LEAST ONE DOCUMENT RELATED TO
MR ARCHER'S PROBLEMS HAS BEEN INTENTIONALLY MISPLACED BY ONE OF
YOUR SECRETARIES. WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO
RECOVER ANY SUCH MISSING DOCUMENTS AND MAKE THEM AVAILABLE FOR
OUR INSPECTION AS WELL AS YOUR OWN USE.

PLEASE ADVISE US WITHIN THE TERM OF THE ACT AS TO WHEN AND WHERE
SUCH RECORDS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR OUR EXAMINATION.

SINCERELY YOURS, DR. J.M. VAN VEUSEKOM, LL.M.

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2. EMBASSY HAS RATHER EXTENSIVE UNCLASSIFIED FILE ON MR. ARCHER WHICH COULD BE RELEASED TO VAN BEUSEKOM. FILE ALSO CONTAINS SEVEN DOCUMENTS CLASSIFIED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE - 2 MEMORANDA OF CONVERSATION, 2 SETS OF NOTES OF RECENT MEMORANDA OF CONVERSATION WHICH STILL MUST BE TYPED IN FINAL FORM, ONE INTERNAL EMBASSY MEMORANDUM AND AN EXCHANGE OF TWO LETTERS BETWEEN DAVID LAZAR, FORMERLY OF ARA/CEN, AND HOWARD GROSS, CONSULAR OFFICER AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA. EMBASSY PROPOSES SENDING COPIES OF THESE CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS PLUS ITS RECOMMENDATIONS AND ORIGINAL OF VAN BEUSEKOM'S LETTER TO FOI DIRECTOR UNDER COVER OF OM. INTERIM REPLY WILL BE SENT TO VAN BEUSEKOM ADVISING HIM THAT HIS REQUEST HAS BEEN REFERRED TO DEPT. ASSUME EMBASSY MUST, UNDER PROVISIONS OF PRIVACY ACT, OBTAIN WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM MR. ARCHER EVEN THOUGH VAN BEUSEKOM IDENTIFIES HIMSELF AS MR. ARCHER'S ATTORNEY. ANDREWS

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